



## City of Durham Durham County

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## Durham Hosts FEMA Revised Floodplain Map Public Meeting

*Appeal Period for Revised Mapping Now Underway Until October 3*

DURHAM, N.C. – Durham property owners whose flood insurance rates may be affected by recently revised floodplain mapping should mark their calendars now to attend a meeting later this month to learn more about the changes.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released its preliminary revised floodplain [mapping](#) for the City of Durham and Durham County in April 2015. Studies were conducted on approximately half of the flooding sources, such as streams and rivers, throughout Durham. The studies indicate approximately 146 buildings have been added and another 271 buildings have been removed from the FEMA mapped floodplain. In addition, regulatory floodplain elevations will change on developed and undeveloped properties. Property owners have from now until October 3, 2016, to appeal to FEMA if they believe their property has been inaccurately assessed in the preliminary studies.

To help Durham property owners understand the revised mapping, how it may affect their flood insurance rates and the appeals process, a public meeting is set for Thursday, July 28, 2016, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Durham County Human Services Building Conference Room A, located at 414 E. Main St.

Staff with the City of Durham Public Works Department Stormwater and GIS Services Division and the Durham County Engineering and Environmental Services Department will be on hand to answer questions and explain the mapping changes.

For more information about FEMA's revised floodplain mapping, contact Civil Engineer Graham Summerson with the City's Stormwater and GIS Services Division at (919) 560-4326, extension 30287 or by [email](#). Residents may also contact Stormwater and Erosion Control Division Manager Ryan Eaves with Durham County Engineering and Environmental Services Department at (919) 560-7992 or by [email](#).

Persons who require assistance to attend this meeting should call (919) 560-4197, TTY (919) 560-1200, or [email](#) no later than 48 hours before the event.

### **About the Public Works Department Stormwater and GIS Services Division**

The [Stormwater and GIS Services Division](#) with the City of Durham [Public Works Department](#) is guided by the City's [Strategic Plan](#) goals of Stewardship of City's Physical and Environmental Assets as well as Innovative and High-Performing Organization. Activities include storm drainage design and plans review; inspecting and maintaining City-owned drainage systems; enforcing stormwater ordinances and regulations; education and outreach; stream monitoring, restoration, and watershed master planning; maintaining multiple layers of the City's geographic information; and stormwater billing. To learn more, visit the [Web page](#), like on [Facebook](#), and follow on [Twitter](#).

### **About the Durham County Engineering and Environmental Services Department**

The mission of the [Durham County Engineering and Environmental Services Department](#) is to protect regional water quality through the administration of the sewer use, stormwater and erosion control ordinances; to improve County facilities through the management of capital projects; and to preserve natural and scenic lands, farms, and forests.

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